

'Ref admits mistake' – O'Neill

MARTIN O'Neill says referee Paul D'Urso admitted to him that he made a mistake in disallowing a Terry Evans 'goal' after just 53 seconds of Saturday's match against Stockport County.

D'Urso changed his mind after watching video footage of the incident after the game, explained Wycombe's manager. The referee did not hesitate in discounting Evans' effort for pushing during the match.

"The referee saw the goal in the first minute and admitted he made a mistake and asked me to send him the video. It was obviously an important aspect of the game," said O'Neill, who believes Blues would have

gone on to win the match if the goal had stood.

The manager's frustration was not helped, and he could barely contain his temper, when an RAF freefall display delayed the start of the second half by five minutes. O'Neill stormed onto the pitch, while the parachutists were still being ushered off following safe landings, to give Wycombe officials a piece of his mind.

■ There is no longer a 12.30pm kick-off for the match at Bournemouth on Saturday, April 8. It has reverted to a normal 3pm start. The timing was changed initially to accommodate the apparent huge interest in the Grand National at the seaside town.

Blues captain joins in Red Cross birthday party



Terry Evans shakes hands with Red Cross branch director James Lawford, as Jamie Pruden helps to keep the flag flying

WYCOMBE Wanderers captain Terry Evans took time out before his side's crucial Division Two match against Stockport on Saturday to take part in the British Red Cross's flag presentation as part of the charity's 125th birthday celebrations.

The service, one of many at Football League grounds this year, was witnessed by a large home crowd, who donated £223 to the Buckinghamshire branch of the Red Cross during half time on Saturday.

A spokesman for the charity, whose county headquarters are in High Wycombe, has this week thanked the Wycombe crowd for their generosity.

She added the money will

help fund work in providing facilities for three off-duty playgroups in Buckinghamshire, as well as holidays for children and young adults with special needs.

The Red Cross is also on the lookout for volunteers to help during Red Cross Week, between May 6 and May 13.

All work will be voluntary, and anyone wanting to help can contact the organisation on (01494) 525361 or at 123 London Road, High Wycombe.

■ Saturday's match got under way thanks to the efforts of more than 40 volunteers who helped Wanderers' groundsman Jim Gardner clear snow off the pitch. They turned up in force after hearing an appeal on elevenSEVENTY radio.